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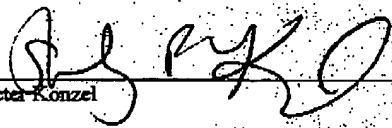
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Honorable Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office action of June 1, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.